

House Resolution No. 1851

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the University of Missouri-Columbia's Tigers Wrestling Team reached third place at the NCAA Division I National Championships that were held at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Michigan, between March 15 and March 17, 2007; and

Whereas, finishing the competition with 80 points, the Tigers Wrestling Team placed third, behind Minnesota with 98 points and Iowa State with 88.5 points; and

Whereas, the third place final was the highest a team ever reached in the sixty-two-year-long history of Missouri wrestling; and

Whereas, led by head coach Brian Smith and assistant coaches Bart Horton and Pat McNamara, the 2006-2007 Wrestling Tigers consisted of John Andrews, Ben Askren, Maxwell Askren, Aaron Bridgeman, Emanuel Brooks, Michael Chandler, Luke Cherep, Justin Cole, Sean Connole, Vince Demarest, Kevin Ecker, Mark Ellis, Dane Espinosa, Joey Garrity, Vince Hannon, Nathan Hewitt, Marcus Hoehn, Eduardo Hopp, Dirk Hurrin, Raymond Jordan, Ryan Joyce, Tim Kephart, Nicholas Marable, Tyler McCormick, John Olanowski, Matt Pell, Tyler Perry, Tony Pescaglia, Amond Prater, Ashtin Primus, Willie Saxton, Zack Schuller, Andrew Sherry, Josh Skurnik, Ryan Sonderegger, Nick Velliquette, Josh Wagner, James Williamson, and Andrew Wood; and

Whereas, wrestlers who earned individual honors include Ben Askren, who won his second consecutive title in the 174-pound weight class; Matt Pell, who finished third at 165 pounds; and Tyler McCormick, who finished sixth at 133 pounds; and

Whereas, the stellar performance Ben Askren, Matt Pell, and Tyler McCormick also earned the trio special All-American honors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the Missouri Wrestling Tigers and to convey to all of those involved our most heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of their earning third place at the NCAA Division I National Championships; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the University of Missouri-Columbia Tigers Wrestling Team.

Offered by _____
Representative Judy Baker, No. 25

Representative Jeff Harris, No. 23

Representative Ed Robb, No. 24

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1851, adopted April 12, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker